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SUBJECT: SOVIET AMBASSADOR DENIES SOVIET GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY
FOR ANTI- MOSLEM TRACT

REF: JAKARTA 5785

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SUMMARY: THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO INDONESIAN, A. KUZNETSOV, HAS
DENIED CHARGES BY INDONESIAN MOSLEM LEADERS THAT THE SOVIET GOVERN-
MENT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR PUBLISHING AND DISTRIBUTING IN INDONESIA AND
ELSEWHERE AN ANTI- ISLAMIC BOOK, " THE HOLY KORAN, ITS NORMS
AND THOUGHTS"(SEEREFTEL). END SUMMARY

1. ACCORDING TO THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE JAKARTA TIMES, MAY 18,
KUZNETSOV DENIED ANY SOVIET CONNECTION WITH THE BOOK,
(WHICH WAS ALLEGEDLY WRITTEN BY SOVIET AUTHOR MUKHTIDINOV AND
PUBLISHED BY NOVOSTI) DURING A COURTESY CALL ON THE CHIEF OF THE
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FOREIGN DEPARTMENT' S INFORMATION AND CULTURAL SECTION ON MAY 17.

2. A SIMILAR DENIAL WAS ISSUED MAY 17 BY THE INFORMATION SECTION OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY, ACCORDING TO REPORTS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE OBSERVER, AND THE INDONESIAN LANGUAGE MERDEKA (WHICH ARE OWNED BY THE SAME PUBLISHER) MAY 17. THE EMBASSY' S DENIAL REPORTEDLY CHARACTERIZED THE ANTI- ISLAMIC BOOK AS A " COMPLETE FABRI- CATION WHICH WAS DESIGNED AS A PROVOCATION". BOTH THE EMBASSY STATEMENT AND AMBASSADOR KUZNETSOV ALSO DENIED SPECIFICALLY THAT THE BOOK WAS DISTRIBUTED IN INDONESIA OR ELSEWHERE BY THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN KARACHI.

3. THE MOSLEM DAILY ABADI REPORTED MAY 19 THAT LUKMAN HARUN, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE FOR ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY WHO HAS SPEAR- HEADED THE MOSLEM ATTACK ON THE BOOK, SAID THE SOVIET DENIAL WAS TO BE EXPECTED, SINCE THE COMMUNISTS " ARE ACCUSTOMED

TO THROWING STONES AND THEN HIDING THEIR HANDS."

4. LUKMAN TOLD ABADI HE HAD PERSONALLY RECEIVED A COPY OF THE BOOK UNDER A COVERING LETTER DATED MARCH 26, 1973, SIGNED BY " Y. TRASKY, VICE CONSUL", EMBASSY OF THE USSR, KARACHI, ON STATIONERY BEARING THE LETTERHEAD " PRESS INFORMATION DEPARTMENT, EMBASSY OF THE U. S. S. R. PAKISTAN, ISLAMABAD 67, RAMNA 633, PHONE 23804". LUKMAN SAID THE BOOK AND THE LETTER WERE ENCLOSED IN A WRAPPER POSTMARKED KARACHI 30-3-73 WHICH CARRIED THE RETURN ADDRESS " PRESS INFORMATION DEPARTMENT, EMBASSY OF THE USSR, PAKISTAN 43/4 H BLOCK 6, PZE. C. A., KARACHI". END UNCLASSIFIED

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5. COMMENT: WOULD APPROPRIATE ANY COMMENTS FROM ACTION ADDRESSEES ON AUTHENTICITY OF THIS BOOK. LACKING ANY OTHER EXPLANATION AS TO WHY THE SOVIETS WOULD CIRCULATE A BOOK SO OBVIOUSLY CALCULATED TO OFFEND INDONESIANS, WE WONDER IF IT IS PERHAPS A PRODUCT OF PEKING' S PRANKSTERS. GALBRAITH

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